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SUBJECT: IRANIAN NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL RAW MATERIALS

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C. STATE 000659

1. EMBASSY PREPARING AS DETAILED DATA AS POSSIBLE ON  
IRAN TOTAL 1972 IMPORTS OF COMMODITIES LISTED REFTEL.  
THIS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. BECAUSE OF IMPRECISION  
OF LISTING, EMBASSY'S DATA WILL NECESSARILY BE RATHER  
GENERAL.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED EXPANDED LISTING FROM UNDER  
SECRETARY OF ECONOMY NAJMABADI WHICH REDUCES ITEM 2  
(STEEL BILLETS) FROM 150,000 TO 50,000 TONS AND ADDS  
EIGHT MORE ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

SODIUM TRIPOLY PHOSPHATE 30,000 TONS

SODIUM SULPHATE 10,000 TONS

WRITING PAPER 15,000 TONS

NEWSPRINT 30,000 TONS

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HOT ROLLED AND COLD ROLLED

SHEET STEEL OF VARIOUS GAUGES	250,000 TONS
CAR TIRES	500,000 UNITS
BUS TIRES	150,000 UNITS
TRUCK TIRES	200,000 UNITS

3. UNION CARBIDELOCAL REPRESENTATIVE CALLED ON ECONCOUNSELOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, AND REPORTED THAT UNION CARBIDE HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE VARYING AMOUNTS OF PETROCHEMICAL ITEMS (GENERALLY 14 THROUGH 19) ON THE LIST. IN ADDITION UNION CARBIDE'S REP. NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF SHORT SUPPLY PETROCHEMICAL ITEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PAINT INDUSTRY WBDE INCLUDED IN THEIR LIST OF POSSIBLE RAW MATERIALS TO SUPPLY TO IRAN. UNION CARBIDE'S QUID-PRO-QUO IS A FIRM SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS FOR PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS BOTH IN EUROPE AND THE U.S., ESPECIALLY NAPHTHA. GOI HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN UNION CARBIDE'S PROPOSAL BUT WANTED TO KNOW PRICES. UNION CARBIDE ON OTHER HAND IS UNWILLING TO PROVIDE PRICING UNLESS AND UNTIL FIRM SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIAL AND ACCOMPANYING PRICE IDENTIFIED. UNION CARBIDE REP. ADDED THAT, OF COURSE, THEY COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO SUPPLY FULL NEEDS BUT THEY WOULD DO THEIR BEST TO PROVIDE UP TO A THIRD OR SO OF IRAN'S REQUIREMENTS OF SOME ITEMS. EMBASSY PROVIDEDCK UNION CARBIDE'S CUP. WITH LISTING RECEIVED FROM UNDER SECRETARY NAJMABADI.

4. IT MAY BE USEFUL FOR DEPARTMENT TO DISCUSS IRAN'S LISTING WITH THOSE AMERICAN COMPANIES PRESENTLY INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING PROJECTS IN IRAN. IN CASE THE DEPT KBS UNAWARE OF ALL OF THEM, THE FOLLOWING NAMES OCCUR TO THE EMBASSY:

- A. CARBON CORP. (CARBON BLACK)
- B. DUPONT (ARTIFICIAL FIBERS)
- C. DOW CHEMICAL (PETROCHEMICALS IN GENERAL)
- D. ASHLAND OIL
- E. TEXAS EASTERN
- F. GENERAL TIRE ( SYNTHETIC RUBBER ETC.)
- G. GOODRICH CHEMICAL COMPANY

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- H. KAISER STEEL
- I. OLIN CORPORATION

IN ADDITION MOST OF THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES ALSO PRODUCE SOME OF THE ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE LIST.  
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